

# Chapter 7 Exercises

## Exercise 7.1

Starting on the left side, we want to prove  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  is odd if  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2j - 1$

Let  $k = j + 1$ . Because  $j, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure, which allows for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Also,  $x = 2j - 1 = 2(k + 1) - 1 = 2k + 1$ . Hence, by definition,  $x$  is odd.  $\square$

Now we want to prove  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2j - 1$  if  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  is odd.

By definition,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2k + 1$ . Let  $l = k - 1$ . Because  $k, -1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure, which leads to  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$

Also,  $x = 2k + 1 = 2(l + 1) + 1 = 2l + 3$ . Hence, we have shown that  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2j - 1$   $\square$

Therefore,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  is odd iff  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2j - 1$

## Exercise 7.2

1. We assume that  $\exists n \ni (\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \ni n = 2a \text{ and } n = 2b + 1)$

Then,

$$2a = 2b + 1$$

$$2a - 2b = 1$$

$$a - b = \frac{1}{2}$$

Because  $a, -b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. However,  $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \nexists$

Hence, there exists no integers that can be both even and odd.  $\square$

2. Prove by induction

**Base Case:** Let  $n = 1$ . We need to show that  $n$  is either even or odd.

Observe that  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 1$ , so 1 is odd; and indeed, 1 is either even or odd.

**Induction Hypothesis:** We assume that when  $n = k$ ,  $k$  is either even or odd.

**Induction Step:** We need to show that  $k + 1$  is either even or odd.

*Case 1:*  $k$  is even. So,  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \ni k = 2a$ , which means that  $k + 1 = 2a + 1$ . By definition,  $k + 1$  is odd.  $\square$

*Case 2:*  $k$  is odd. So,  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z} \ni k = 2b + 1$ , which means that  $k + 1 = 2b + 2 = 2(b + 1)$ . Because  $b, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Thus, by definition,  $k + 1$  is even.  $\square$

Therefore,  $k + 1$  is either even or odd.

From our proof of induction, we have shown that  $n$  is either even or odd.  $\square$

3. Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^-$ . Then  $-m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . We have shown that  $-m$  is either even or odd.

*Case 1:*  $-m$  is even. So,  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \ni -m = 2a$ . This means that  $m = -2a = 2(-a)$ . Because  $a, -1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $-a \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Thus, by definition,  $m$  is also even.  $\square$

*Case 2:*  $-m$  is odd. So,  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z} \ni -m = 2b + 1$ . This means that  $m = -(2b + 1) = -2b - 1 = 2(-b - 1) + 1$ . Because  $b, -1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $-b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $-b - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Thus, by definition,  $m$  is also odd.  $\square$

Therefore,  $m$  is either even or odd.  $\square$

4. Observe that  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 = 2 \cdot 0$ , so 0 is even. Furthermore, we have also shown that every number in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^-$  are either even or odd.

Because  $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \mathbb{Z}^- \cup \{0\}$ , we conclude that every number in  $\mathbb{Z}$  are either even or odd.  $\square$

## Exercise 7.3

Because  $n$  is prime,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Our hypothesis  $n|(a + b)$  gives us  $\exists i \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a + b = n \cdot i$ . Based on another hypothesis  $n|a$ , we get  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a = n \cdot j$ . Then,  $b = (a + b) - a = n \cdot i - n \cdot j = n(i - j)$

Because  $i, -j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i - j \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Hence,  $n|b$   $\square$

**Exercise 7.7**

We are given that  $x$  is even. By definition,  $\exists i \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2i$

So,  $x^2 = (2i)^2 = 4i^2 = 2(2i^2)$

Because  $i, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $2i^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Hence, by definition,  $x^2$  is even.  $\square$

**Exercise 7.9**

We assume that there exists a largest real number. Let it be  $r$ .

Because  $r, 1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r + 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  by Closure. Because of our assumption that  $r$  is the largest real number,

$$\begin{aligned} r + 1 &\leq r \\ r - (r + 1) &\in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ or } r - (r + 1) = 0 \\ -1 &\in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ or } -1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \Leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

Hence, there exists no largest real number.  $\square$

**Exercise 7.10**

We assume that there exists a smallest integer. Let it be  $z$ .

Because  $z, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $z - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Because of our assumption that  $z$  is the smallest integer,

$$\begin{aligned} z &\leq z - 1 \\ z - 1 - z &\in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ or } z - 1 - z = 0 \\ -1 &\in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ or } -1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \Leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

Hence, there exists no smallest integer.  $\square$

**Exercise 7.12**

1.  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 2x + 4y = 1$

We obtain  $x + 2y = \frac{1}{2}$ . Because  $x, y, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x + 2y \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. However,  $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence the initial statement is false.  $\square$

2.  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 3x + 5y = 2$

Observe that  $-1, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $3 \cdot -1 + 5 \cdot 1 = 2$

Hence the initial statement is true.  $\square$

3.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists! y \in \mathbb{R} \ni xy = 4$

Observe that when  $x = 0$ ,  $xy = 0, \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence the initial statement is false.  $\square$

4.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, x^2 - x + 11$  is prime

Observe that when  $x = 11$ ,  $x^2 - x + 11 = 11^2 - 11 + 11 = 121$ , and  $11|121 \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence the initial statement is false.  $\square$

5.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} \ni x^x = 9x$

Observe that when  $x = 3$ ,  $x^x = 3^3 = 27$  and  $9x = 9 \cdot 3 = 27$ .

Hence the initial statement is true.  $\square$

6. 231 can be written as the sum of 4 odd numbers.

We assume that this statement is true, so  $\exists i, j, k, l \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 231 = (2i + 1) + (2j + 1) + (2k + 1) + (2l + 1)$

The terms can be rewritten as:  $(2i+1)+(2j+1)+(2k+1)+(2l+1) = 2i+2j+2k+2l+4 = 2(i+j+k+l+2)$

Because  $i + j + k + l + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , 231 is even by definition. But  $231 = 2 \cdot 115 + 1$ , so 231 is odd.  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence the initial statement is false.  $\square$

7. 132 can be written as the sum of 4 odd numbers.

Observe that  $132 = 29 + 31 + 35 + 37$ , and  $29 = 2 \cdot 14 + 1$ ,  $31 = 2 \cdot 15 + 1$ ,  $35 = 2 \cdot 17 + 1$ ,  $37 = 2 \cdot 18 + 1$

Hence the initial statement is true.  $\square$

8. 73 can be written as the sum of 1 odd and 2 even numbers.

Observe that  $73 = 3 + 34 + 36$ , and  $3 = 2 \cdot 1 + 1$ ,  $34 = 2 \cdot 17$ ,  $36 = 2 \cdot 18$

Hence the initial statement is true.  $\square$

9. 73 can be written as the sum of 1 even and 2 odd numbers.

We assume that this statement is true, so  $\exists i, j, k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 73 = 2i + (2j + 1) + (2k + 1)$

The terms can be rewritten as:  $2i + (2j + 1) + (2k + 1) = 2i + 2j + 2k + 2 = 2(i + j + k + 1)$

Because  $i + j + k + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , 73 is even by definition. But  $73 = 2 \cdot 36 + 1$ , so 73 is odd.  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence the initial statement is false.  $\square$

### Exercise 7.14

We will prove the given statement by induction.

**Base Case:** Let  $n = 1$ . We need to show that  $4|5^1 - 1$ . We have  $5^1 - 1 = 5 - 1 = 4$ . So,  $4|4$ , and indeed,  $4|5^1 - 1$ .

**Induction Hypothesis:** We assume that when  $n = k$ ,  $4|5^k - 1$ . This means that  $\exists a \in \mathbb{N} \ni 5^k - 1 = 4a$

**Induction Step:** We want to show that  $4|5^{k+1} - 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{k+1} - 1 &= 5 \cdot 5^k - (5 - 4) \\ &= 5 \cdot 5^k - 5 + 4 \\ &= 5(5^k - 1) + 4 \\ &= 5(4a) + 4 \\ &= 4(5a) + 4 \\ &= 4(5a + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Because  $a, 5, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $5a + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Thus,  $4|5^{k+1} - 1$ , which is what we need.

From our proof of induction, we have shown that  $4|5^n - 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   $\square$

### Exercise 7.19

Starting on the left side, we want to prove  $3x - 5$  is even if  $x$  is odd

By definition,  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2a + 1$ . So,  $3x - 5 = 3(2a + 1) - 5 = 6a + 3 - 5 = 2(3a - 1)$ .

Because  $a, 3, -1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3a - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Hence,  $3x - 5$  is even by definition.  $\square$

Now we want to prove  $x$  is odd if  $3x - 5$  is even. We assume that  $x$  is even.

By definition,  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2b$ . So,  $3x - 5 = 3(2b) - 5 = 6b - 5 = 6b - 6 + 1 = 2(3b - 3) + 1$ .

Because  $b, 3, -3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $3b - 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Hence,  $3x - 5$  is odd by definition. Taking the contrapositive, we have if  $3x - 5$  is even, then  $x$  is odd.  $\square$

### Exercise 7.20

We assume that  $x$  is odd.

By definition,  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = 2a + 1$ . So,  $x^2 - 1 = (2a + 1)^2 - 1 = 4a^2 + 4a + 1 - 1 = 4(a^2 + a)$

By Closure,  $a^2 + a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which yields us  $4|4(a^2 + a)$ , or  $4|x^2 - 1$

Therefore, if  $x$  is odd, then 4 divides  $x^2 - 1$

Taking the contrapositive lets us conclude that if 4 does not divide  $x^2 - 1$ , then  $x$  is even.  $\square$

### Exercise 7.29

*Theorem 7.10.* We assume that  $\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . In other words,  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \ni \sqrt{n} = \frac{a}{b}$  and  $a, b$  share no common factors other than 1.

We get  $n = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$ , which gives us  $a^2 = b^2 n$ . Because  $b^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure,  $n|a^2$ . Because  $n$  is prime,  $n|a$  by Euclid's Lemma. So,  $\exists i \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a = i \cdot n$  by definition.

Then,  $(i \cdot n)^2 = b^2 n$ , which takes us to  $b^2 = i^2 n$ . Because  $i^2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure,  $n|b^2$ . Because  $n$  is prime,  $n|b$  by Euclid's Lemma.

So,  $n|a$  and  $n|b$ , which means  $a, b$  share  $n$  as a common factor. Also,  $n > 1$  because it is prime.  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Hence, the initial assumption is false, and  $\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$   $\square$

Corollary 7.11.

- $-\sqrt{n}$  is irrational

We assume that  $-\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . In other words,  $\exists c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \ni -\sqrt{n} = \frac{c}{d}$ . Then  $\sqrt{n} = -\frac{c}{d} = \frac{-c}{d}$ .  $-c \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Hence, by definition,  $\frac{-c}{d} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . But  $\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$  by Theorem 7.10.  $\Rightarrow \times$   
So the initial assumption is false, and  $-\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$   $\square$

- $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  is irrational

We assume that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . In other words,  $\exists e, f \in \mathbb{Z} \ni \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{e}{f}$ . Then  $\sqrt{n} = 1 \div \frac{e}{f} = \frac{f}{e}$

By definition,  $\frac{f}{e} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . But  $\sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$  by Theorem 7.10.  $\Rightarrow \times$

So the initial assumption is false, and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$   $\square$

### Exercise 7.34

$x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $w, z \in \mathbb{Q}^C$

1.  $x + y \in \mathbb{Q}$

Because  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\exists a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = \frac{a}{b}, y = \frac{c}{d}$

$$x + y = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad}{bd} + \frac{bc}{bd} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$$

$ad + bc \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $bd \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Therefore, by definition,  $\frac{ad+bc}{bd} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , or  $x + y \in \mathbb{Q}$   $\square$

2.  $w + z \in \mathbb{Q}^C$

Observe that  $\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$ , and  $\sqrt{2} + -\sqrt{2} = 0 \in \mathbb{Q}$

So the initial assumption is false.  $\square$

3.  $x + z \in \mathbb{Q}^C$

We assume that  $x + z = \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then,  $\exists a, b, e, f \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = \frac{a}{b}, \alpha = \frac{e}{f}$

$$z = \alpha - x = \frac{e}{f} - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{be-af}{bf}$$

$be - af \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $bf \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Therefore, by definition,  $\frac{be-af}{bf} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , or  $z \in \mathbb{Q}$   $\Rightarrow \times$

Our initial assumption is false. Therefore,  $x + z \in \mathbb{Q}^C$   $\square$

4.  $xy \in \mathbb{Q}$

Because  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\exists a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \ni x = \frac{a}{b}, y = \frac{c}{d}$

$$xy = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

$ac \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $bd \in \mathbb{Z}$  by Closure. Therefore, by definition,  $\frac{ac}{bd} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , or  $xy \in \mathbb{Q}$   $\square$

5.  $wz \in \mathbb{Q}^C$

Observe that  $\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$ , and  $\sqrt{2} \cdot -\sqrt{2} = -2 \in \mathbb{Q}$

So the initial assumption is false.  $\square$

6.  $xz \in \mathbb{Q}^C$

Observe that  $0 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}^C$ , but  $0 \cdot \sqrt{2} = 0 \in \mathbb{Q}$

So the initial assumption is false.  $\square$